

Corporate Contributions Program

Addressing the greatest challenges in our communities

Sandia is committed to improve the lives of people in our local communities by increasing family stability, improving educational success, and supporting community leadership.

Overview

Sandia National Laboratories (Sandia) values being an informed, compassionate and contributing neighbor in our local communities. The commitment has been demonstrated throughout Sandia's history and is an enduring part of our future.

Sandia and National Technology and Engineering Solutions of Sandia (NTESS) provide grants to address the greatest challenges in our communities at our locations in Albuquerque, New Mexico (primary site) and Livermore, California. New Mexico faces many challenges including the highest childhood poverty rate in the United States. Lack of affordable housing, food insecurity, and insufficient educational achievement are issues in the Bay Area near our Livermore site. We are investing our corporate contributions in the areas of Family Stability and Educational Success, recognizing that both are critical to a thriving community.



Grant Process and Cycles

In 2021, Sandia will conduct two grant cycles and will be accepting grant proposals for both focus areas, Educational Success and Family Stability, during each cycle. The total amount of funding has not increased. The new cycle will allow nonprofits to apply for funding during the time of the year that makes the most sense for their program/organization and will also facilitate COVID-related funding earlier in the year.

	Focus Area	Grant Amount	Grant Cycle Open Date	Grant Cycle Close Date	Review Period	Announcement Period	Funding Distribution
1 st Qtr Cycle	Educational Success and Family Stability	\$5000-\$25,000	January 18	February 12 at 6 pm MST	February 15 – March 12	March 15-19	By April 30
2 nd Qtr Cycle	Educational Success and Family Stability	\$5000-\$25,000	May 3	May 28 at 6 pm MST	May 31— June 25	June 28-July 2	By July 30

Educational Success Criteria

This grant opportunity is intended to support non-profit organizations that are working to improve the educational success of preK-12 students by improving academic performance and engagement. Programs should demonstrate sustainable improvement and where applicable, partnerships with other organizations to create efficiencies and avoid duplication of services. Priority will be given to programs that address:

1. Students' academic skills in preparation for college and career readiness. Priority programs include programs to enhance literacy and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) learning.
2. Learning through out-of-classroom time/extended learning programming (afterschool, summer or other out-of-classroom time) that boost students' educational, social and/or behavioral growth to keep them engaged in their academic success.
3. Resources for under-served students including students who may not receive equitable resources in the academic pipeline and low-income, under-represented racial/ethnic minorities, and first-generation college students.
4. Teacher professional development programs that support teachers who are new (under 5 years in the profession) or teachers who provide instruction in Computer Science and/or CyberSecurity.
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Family Stability Criteria

This grant opportunity is intended to support non-profit organizations that are helping families in crisis provide and sustain a stable home environment, especially for families with children. Programs should demonstrate sustainable improvement and where applicable, partnerships with other organizations to create efficiencies and avoid duplication of services. Priority will be given to programs that address:

1. Hunger relief services including pantries and prepared meal services that serve people experiencing food insecurity.
2. Short or long-term housing for those experiencing homelessness and those moving into more stable housing.
3. Workforce development serving under-employed populations.
4. Services and wraparound support for children/families who are experiencing a temporary crisis.

Geographic Boundaries

Due to limited resources, Sandia can only consider proposals from non-profits serving the following geographical areas:

New Mexico – Bernalillo, Sandoval, Torrance, and Valencia counties

California –Alameda and San Joaquin counties

Non-Discrimination

Sandia supports programs that demonstrate a practice of nondiscrimination and inclusion. As such, Sandia will only support programs that provide equal opportunity and access to individuals regardless of race, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or gender identity,

Funding Restrictions

Sandia Labs does not provide funding for:

- Schools
- Student teams
- Programs that provide individual financial assistance (ex: scholarships)

General FAQs

Who is eligible for a grant?

Qualified 501(c)(3) charitable non-profit organizations providing services that meet the grant criteria and operate within the four-county Greater Albuquerque Metropolitan Area, including Bernalillo, Sandoval, Valencia and Torrance or in the Livermore area, including Alameda and San Joaquin counties.



I'm not a non-profit organization; I'm just a person who needs some extra help. Can I apply for a grant?

We are unable to award grants to individuals.

Does Sandia fund local offices, chapters or affiliates of national organizations?

Yes.

Does Sandia only fund large organizations...or only small organizations?

There is not a "right" size organization.

Does my organization need a 501(c)(3) designation from the IRS before I can apply for funds?

Your organization must have a 501(c)(3) designation or be a public educational institution.

What is a 501(c)(3) designation? How can I get one?

501(c)(3) refers to the specific section of the Internal Revenue Code that defines a charitable organization. For more information, contact the Internal Revenue Service.

Sometimes an organization can use another non-profit organization's 501(c)(3). This would be called a "fiscal agent partner." Organizations using a fiscal agent partner are eligible for funding.

If my organization has received grants in the past, are there limitations to how many years we can receive grants?

No.

Does Sandia provide funding for capital projects?

Sandia will consider funding capital projects that align with Family Stability or Educational Success.

Does Sandia provide multi-year grants?

No, Sandia does not fund multi-year grants.

Does Sandia fund faith-based 501(c)(3) organizations?

Sandia may fund faith-based organizations if the funds will be used for nonreligious programs that provide equal opportunity and access regardless of an individual's religious affiliation.

Does Sandia have submission deadlines for requests?

Yes. Sandia will run two grant cycles each year and each posted grant will include deadlines.

How are grant applicants notified?

Per the above grant cycle, Sandia will contact organizations via email to inform them of their funding status.

